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A New Year Prayer.

I ask not wealth, but power to take
And use the things I have aright;
Not years, but wisdom that shall make
My life a profit and delight.
I ask not that for me the plan
Of good and ill be set aside;
But that the common lot of man
Be nobly borne, and glorified.
I know I may not always keep
My steps in places green and sweet,
Nor find the pathway of the deep
A place of safety for my feet;
But pray, that when the tempter's
breath
Shall fiercely sweep my way about,
I make not shipwreck of my faith
In the unbottomed sea of doubt;
And that, though it be mine to know
How hard the stoniest pillow seems,
Good angels still may come and go
About the places of my dreams.
I do not ask for love below,
That friends shall never be estranged;
But for the power of loving, so
My heart may keep its youth un-
changed.

Prohibition Will Not Increase Taxes.

A. C. Bane.

In every wet and dry campaign the liquor men cover the bulletin boards with the statement that taxes will be increased if prohibition is adopted. They mail to the voters circular letters containing the same statement.

It does not concern the liquor men in the least that the statement is untrue, for it often works, in alarming men who are opposed to the saloons, into voting to retain them.

The liquor men never go into details and tell the name of the city, county or state where a loss of liquor revenue increased taxes, for the simple reason that such places do not exist.

We challenge the liquor men to truthfully name one state, county or city in this nation that ever raised its tax rate because it lost its liquor revenue.

In some wet cities, most of the revenue has gone to play politics, and no municipal improvements have been made for years. When such cities have voted dry, the people begin to wake up, become enterprising, want a clean city, and they immediately demand an increase in taxes for much needed improvements, such as schools, streets, sewers and a water system that have been needed for years, but not supplied by the wet administration.

The loss in saloon revenue is easily made up by two facts:

First: It costs less to govern a dry city than it does a wet city and less revenue is needed.

Second: Closing the saloons leads to a saving in money, increased improvements, enlarged business, increased property values, so that there is an increased value of property to be assessed, which keeps tax rates low.

We knew a wet city of 100,000 population and a dry city of 50,000 population, side by side, only a street between, but the tax rate in the wet city was \$1.70 per hundred and the tax rate in the dry city was 90 cents per hundred.

In 1880 the tax rate in Kansas, was 5.5 mills on the dollar and the tax rate of Nebraska was 3.9 mills; both were wet. Since 1882 Kansas has had prohibition and in 1914 its tax rate was 1.2 mills; since 1882 Nebraska has had saloons and her tax rate in 1914 was 7.8 mills.

The tax rate in dry Atlanta, Ga., which is larger than Toledo, Ohio, and nearly as large as Columbus, Ohio, is \$7.50 per thousand, while the tax rate in wet Columbus is \$13.50 per thousand, and in wet Toledo is \$14 per thousand.

We will continue to deny that prohibition increases taxes, until the liquor traffic furnishes us the evidence to the contrary.—American Issue.

Come to see us before Christmas. We can please you in anything you want for Christmas gifts. We also have a strong line of Shoes and Dry Goods at very low prices.
Smith-Marsh Co.

Feeding Frost-bitten Corn and Sorghum.

A reader wishes to know if corn and cane (sorghum) are dangerous to feed to livestock after they have been frost-bitten.

As applies to corn at least, the danger, if any exists, is in the condition which develops after the freezing. If it is cut promptly—which should be done if it is green before the frost and is killed or seriously affected by the frost—and properly cured, so that neither decomposition nor mold develops, the cured corn will make good feed and will probably contain about the same feeding value as if cut and cured just before the frost. If the frost is severe and the corn green and if it is allowed to stand and die and dry out after the frost, before it is cut, the feeding value will probably be considerably lessened, but if cut at once there will be only slight if any loss in feeding value.

As to the sorghum, there is probably some more danger of the frost producing changes or causing the formation of injurious substances in the stalks. If such danger exists, it will probably be much greater if the sorghum is allowed to stand for some time after the frost. If cut at once, we do not think the conditions will be different from those stated as to corn.

If the sorghum is only partially killed by the frost and is then allowed to stand for some time, we would advise caution in feeding it until it has been thoroughly cured or made into hay. While green sorghum, that has been stunted or checked in its growth, especially as with the second growth during dry weather, sometimes develops prussic acid, a deadly poison, we have not heard of poisoning with cured sorghum hay and if the frosted sorghum is promptly cut and cured we feel certain there is very little danger if any at all, in feeding it.—Progressive Farmer

For Christmas.

If you would please a gentleman friend Christmas morning, send him a box of cigars. We have just what you want in the popular brands.
Penn & Holstein.

For Christmas.

Special order of Nunnally's candy in attractive holiday boxes—all sizes. Everybody knows what the Nunnally quality is.
Penn & Holstein.

For Christmas.

Large assortment of popular books at popular prices for boys and men. Come in and look over them.
Penn & Holstein.

For Christmas.

We have made a special order of Bibles for the holiday season. See the teacher's Bibles and the red letter edition.
Penn & Holstein.

For Christmas.

For those who prefer to bake their Christmas cakes at home, we have all necessary ingredients such as currants, seeded raisins, figs, citron, nuts, etc. Let us fill your orders. All goods absolutely fresh.
Penn & Holstein.

There is no better farm wagon made than the Mitchell. Try one and you will be convinced that they are unequaled. We guarantee the skeins against breaking, it matters not how heavy a load you put on them. Come in and make a thorough examination of the Mitchell wagon. The more you know of it the better you will like it.
Edgefield Mercantile Co.

To every customer whose Christmas purchases amount to \$5.00 we will a bunch of bananas free.
James Velix.

To the Spirit of Christmas

BY LOUELLA C. POOLE.

Once more the Blessed Day has come
To soothe the hearts of Christendom—
Like some cool hand that's pressed
Upon the fevered pulse of pain,
The Christmas Spirit comes again
To quiet our unrest.

Forgot awhile are grief and loss,
The brooding cares that irk and cross;
From farthest sea to sea,
From northern lands of ice and snow,
To where the rose and jasmine bloom,
The Holy Mystery.

Its influence benign outspreads;
On bended knees, with low-bowed heads,
With myrrh and spices sweet,
Fit recognition we would make,
Our alabaster boxes break
In tribute at His feet.

O holy, blessed Christmas-time,
Of perfumed conser, pealing chime,
Thy fairest gifts, we pray,
In boundless measures, full and free,
Bestow on those across the sea,
So sore their need today!

The old and frail, forget them not;
And those about whose lives are
wrought
So much of hope and prayer—
Our little ones, the coming race—
Bestow on them thy tenderest grace
To grow in wisdom fair!

Sweet Yule-tide, of thy fulness bring
Peace unto hearts now sorrowing,
And unto great and small,
To man, bird, beast—to all that live—
Thy richest benediction give,
Thy happiness to all!

Small Things?

[Mrs. August Burghard, Treasurer Ga. W. C. T. U.]

In order to grow it is necessary to add to last year's membership—not add new members and leave off old ones. We lost a number by death and removal from the State; The majority of those who seem to be lost are not lost at all—just omitted to pay. dues in time to be counted.

Do you think it was a small thing not to have placed your White Ribbon dues in the White Ribbon treasury? Others acting like you kept our state from reaching the goal in membership gain.

How do you know that your dues, if sent on a temperance mission with prayer would not have been used of God to cause an arrest of thought by the literature it printed and distributed, saving some young life and thereby giving the World another Frances Willard, Lillian Stevens or N. al Dow? God might have used that money, sanctified by prayer, to save your son from a drunkard's grave, or your daughter from being a drunkard's wife!

"Fartotched," do you say? Let us glance over some of the magnitudinous results from just a seemingly insignificant causes.

The great law-giver of the ages was saved in infancy in a tiny boat of leaves on the Nile; a pebble from a sling in a youthful hand felled the giant terror of Israel, a recent convert let down in a basket from a Damascus wall helped Paul to start on the missionary journey which caused ours to be a Christian and not a barbarian nation; the cackle of geese saved mighty Rome; one peasant stood on the shoulders of another, down the human ladder a little boy climbed from his burning home and John Wesley and Methodism blesses the world; a man in Bedford jail wrote a book, and Pilgrim's Progress, in many languages, has led multitudes to a closer walk with God; the boiling of a kettle in his mother's kitchen led a Scotch lad to discover the propelling power of steam; the miracles of electricity came about through the flying of a kite; the fall of an apple disclosed the law of gravitation; observing the vibrations of a hanging lamp gives us the necessary modern clock; the kick of a cow and a vast city is in conflagration; the lovely flower, perfume, color and foliage is bound up in a seed; the towering oak was encompassed by an acorn; the heavens are reflected in a dew drop. The widow's mite has been the example for generosity throughout the centuries. "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me."

Who can estimate the purchasing power of a dollar, winged with prayer, or the power for evil in a dollar weighted with wrong usage? Let us begin now to furnish the "sinews of war" in the battle against the great intemperance. David could not fight in Saul's armor, neither can you organize like Miss Willard, lead like Mrs. Stevens, write like Miss Gordon, or speak like Mrs. Armor, but we can each be faithful in the use of our pebbles and sling, of giving our money with our prayers, of practicing and teaching total abstinence, doing whatsoever our hands find to do, "here a little and there a little," until the complete overthrow of the giant of intemperance who is still defying the armies of the Lord.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to hunt or trespass in any manner whatsoever upon the lands of the undersigned. All trespassers will be dealt with according to law.
Mrs. Susan B. Hill,
Mrs. W. S. Cothran.

Christmas 1915

It is time now to buy your Christmas Presents that you intend to give.

We have many articles that will make most acceptable gifts. Buy early, that you may find what you wish.

We have a beautiful line of Handkerchiefs and Neckwear.

We will make special prices on our line of Wool Blankets to close out the stock we have of them.

You will find many things in our line that you wish.

Rives Brothers

Master's Sale.

State of South Carolina,
County of Edgefield,
Court Common Pleas.

The Bank of McCormick, Plaintiff—
Against—M. L. Carroll, et al.,—
Defendants.

Pursuant to the decree in this cause I shall offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Court House, Town of Edgefield and State of South Carolina, on Salesday in January 1916, the same being the 3rd day of said month, between the legal hours of sale, the following described realty, to wit:

All that certain tract, parcel or plantation of land known as "Swift Creek Tract," said originally, to contain Seven Hundred (700) acres, now containing Six Hundred and Fifty (650) acres, more or less adjoining lands now, or formerly, belonging to Mrs. Mary Calhoun; Chesley Wells; Martha Blackwell and others, situate in Edgefield County, State of South Carolina, on waters of Savannah River, being the same tract conveyed to the said M. L. Carroll and R. L. Tucker, by Martha Blackwell by Deed dated April 5th 1879, and Recorded in the Office of Clerk of Court for Edgefield County in Book No. 4, Page 572.

Terms of Sale Cash: If purchaser at said sale shall fail to comply with the terms thereof within one hour from the time of said sale, said premises, upon direction of Plaintiff's Attorneys, will be re-sold on said day at the risk of the former purchaser.

Purchaser to be let into possession of said premises on production of Master's deed thereto.
Purchaser to pay for papers.
J. H. CANTELOU,
Master E. C.

Dec. 15, 1915.

Master's Sale.

State of South Carolina,
County of Edgefield,
Court Common Pleas.

John D. Eidson, Plaintiff—against—
Mrs. Hattie W. Mobley, in her own Right, and as Administratrix of the Estate of James F. Mobley, deceased, and Louis T. Wilds—Defendants.

Report of Master.

Pursuant to the decree in this cause, I shall offer for sale at public outcry, to the highest bidder, before the Court House, Town of Edgefield and State of South Carolina, on Sales-day in January 1916, the same being the 3rd day of said month, between the legal hours of sale, the following described realty, to wit:

Tract No. 2. Also all that tract of Land in said county and State containing Fifty-eight and one-fourth (58-1/4) acres, more or less, bounded by lands on the North now, or formerly, belonging to J. L. and D. R. Strother; on the East by the Edgefield public road; on the South by lands of Miss Betty and Jennie Warren, and on the West by land now, or formerly, belonging to J. W. Crim.

Terms of Sale: One-half cash, balance on a credit of one year, with interest from date, or for all cash, at purchaser's option; the credit portion, if any, to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises, said bond and mortgage to provide for ten per cent Attorney's fees in case same be placed in the hands of Attorneys for collection.

If purchaser at said sale shall fail to comply with the terms thereof, within one hour from the time of said sale said premises, upon direction of Plaintiff's Attorneys will be resold on said day, at the risk of the former purchaser. Purchaser to be let into possession of said premises on production of Master's deed thereto. Rights to all growing crops for the year 1915 hereby reserved.
Re-sold at risk of former purchaser.
Purchaser to pay for papers.
J. H. CANTELOU,
Master E. C.

Dec. 11, 1915.

For Christmas.

Large assortment of manicure and toilet sets in the most attractive cases and designs. See them and you will be pleased.
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You can get a present for every member of the family at our store.

In addition to toys, fancy articles and fireworks, we have candy, fruits and nuts of all kinds.

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Our stock of holiday goods is now on display. Dressed Dolls, Kid Body Dolls, Toy Trunks, Doll Carriages, Alphabet and Building Blocks, Mechanical Toys, Friction Toys, Christmas Tree Ornaments, etc. Our prices are reasonable. Now is the time to get the best. We invite your inspection.

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